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Pauls Moss,
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July, 1960.

To the Chairman and Councillors of the Urban Districts of Ellesmere,
Wem and Whitchurch and the Rural Districts of Ellesmere and Wem.
Mr. Chairman, Ladies and Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present the Annual Report on the Health and Sanitary Circumstances of the five districts for the year 1959.

The vital statistics show no significant change from previous years.

The total pattern of infectious diseases (notifiable and non-notifiable) in 1959 was an interesting one. During the first quarter of the year, Whitchurch citizens were laid low with outbreaks of mumps, influenza, and dysentery, all running concurrently, and causing illness in almost every house in the town. However, in a "measles year" Whitchurch almost managed to escape unscathed; Wem bore the main brunt of this May time epidemic, but school Medical Officers working in the area found that otitis media as a complication of measles occurred most frequently in the Ellesmere districts.

For the second successive year, the mass poliomyelitis vaccination campaign initiated by the Local Health Authority continued to receive good support from the 15—25 year old age group to which it was directed. In this connection, I should like to thank the Vicars of many rural parishes, who most kindly distributed consent cards with their parish magazines; the response to the campaign would have been much poorer without their support. There were no cases of poliomyelitis during the year.

Co-operation with the County Medical Officer and his staff, with the local hospitals, and with general practitioners, was excellent throughout the year. In April, 1959, Ellesmere was declared by the Medical Practices Committee, London, to be a Restricted Area, i.e. no general practitioner may now "set up his plate" in that area. Whitchurch was declared a Restricted Area in 1957, but Wem remains as an Intermediate Area, i.e. a general practitioner may "set up his plate" there, if he so desires. There is approximately one general practitioner for every 1,300 citizens in the N.W. combined districts. The districts are also fortunate in a relatively good supply of dental surgeons, and the teeth of children in all the districts are, by comparison with many other parts of the country, extremely well cared for.

However, in certain other matters the environment of the people of the districts has not been well cared for, although progress towards proper water supplies and sewerage facilities for the entire N.W. combined districts is gradually being made.

I feel that I cannot conclude this Address without reference to the retirement of Mr. F. Morcom, for many years Surveyor and Chief Public Health Inspector for both the Wem Urban and Wem Rural District Councils. All his former colleagues hope that his retirement will be restful and happy.

Finally, I wish to record my gratitude to the Public Health Inspectors for their assistance and for their reports on the sanitary conditions of the districts, to my Secretary for all the clerical work involved in the preparation of this report, and to the officials of many other departments for their assistance and co-operation.

I have the honour to be,

Ladies and Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

C. B. HIGGIE

GENERAL STATISTICS, 1959

The following are the general statistics for the different districts in the area:—

ELLESMERE URBAN DISTRICT.

Area in Acres	1,220
Population figure given by the Registrar General	2,260
Number of inhabited houses according to Rate Book on 1st April, 1959	752
Rateable Value 1st April, 1959	£26,449
Sum represented by a penny rate 1959-60	£99

WEM URBAN DISTRICT

Area in Acres	903
Population figure given by the Registrar General	2,550
Number of inhabited houses according to the Rate Book on 1st April, 1959	850
Rateable Value 1st April, 1959	£32,211
Sum represented by a penny rate 1959-60	£132

WHITCHURCH URBAN DISTRICT

Area in Acres	6,053
Population figure given by the Registrar General	7,030
Number of inhabited houses according to Rate Book on 1st April, 1959	2,284
Rateable Value 1st April, 1959	£88,297
Sum represented by a penny rate 1959-60	£347

ELLESMERE RURAL DISTRICT

Area in Acres	48,253
Population figure given by the Registrar General	8,360
Number of inhabited houses according to Rate Book on 1st April, 1959	2,048
Rateable Value 1st April, 1959	£62,544
Sum represented by a penny rate 1959-60	£216

WEM RURAL DISTRICT

Area in Acres	60,343
Population figure given by the Registrar General	12,500
Number of inhabited houses according to Rate Book on 1st April, 1959	3,184
Rateable Value 1st April, 1959	£122,107
Sum represented by a penny rate 1959-60	£493

VITAL STATISTICS

	E/mere U.D.	Wem U.D.	W/church U.D.	E/mere R.D.	Wem R.D.
Live Births—Number	44	35	108	106	203
Rate per 1,000 Population	19.5	13.7	15.4	12.7	16.2
Illegitimate Live Births per cent of total Live Births	4.5	2.8	0.9	1.9	6.4
Stillbirths—Number	1	3	2	0	6
Rate per 1,000 total Live and Still Births	22.2	79.0	18.2	0	28.7
Total Live and Still Births	45	38	110	106	209
Infant Deaths	1	1	1	2	1
Infant Mortality Rates— Total infant deaths per 1,000 total live births	22.7	28.5	9.2	18.9	4.9
Legitimate infant deaths per 1,000 legitimate live births	23.8	29.4	9.3	19.2	5.0
Illegitimate infant deaths per 1,000 illegitimate live births	0	0	0	0	0
Neo-Natal Mortality Rate	22.7	0	9.2	9.4	4.9
Early Neo-Natal Mortality Rate	22.7	0	9.2	0	4.9
Perinatal Mortality Rate	44.5	79.0	27.3	0	33.5
Maternal Mortality Number of Deaths	0	0	0	0	0
Rate per 1,000 total Live and Still Births	0	0	0	0	0

POPULATION

The excess of births over deaths in the combined districts totalled 119.

Districts	Estimated Mid-Year Population			Difference
	1957	1958	1959	
Ellesmere Urban	2,270	2,250	2,260	+ 10
Wem Urban.....	2,470	2,550	2,550	0
Whitchurch Urban	6,950	7,030	7,030	0
Ellesmere Rural	8,990	8,720	8,360	—360
Wem Rural	12,640	12,510	12,500	— 10
Total	33,320	33,060	32,700	—360

BIRTHS

(a) **Live Births**—The Live Birth Rate for England and Wales was 16.5

Districts	No. of Live Births, 1959			Live Birth Rate per 1,000 Pop.	Corrected Birth Rate
	Male	Female	Total		
Ellesmere Urban	24	20	44	19.5	19.5
Wem Urban	20	15	35	13.7	14.5
Whitchurch Urban	61	47	108	15.4	16.2
Ellesmere Rural	53	53	106	12.7	16.3
Wem Rural	104	99	203	16.2	17.3
Combined Districts	262	234	496	15.2	—

(b) **Still Births**—The number of stillbirths showed no change from 1958. The stillbirth rate per 1,000 live and stillbirths for England and Wales was 20.7.

The total number recorded in the combined districts was 12, giving a stillbirth rate of 23.6.

Districts	No. of Still-Births		
	1957	1958	1959
Ellesmere Urban	1	1	1
Wem Urban	0	2	3
Whitchurch Urban	3	4	2
Ellesmere Rural	3	1	0
Wem Rural	5	4	6
Total	12	12	12

(c) **Illegitimate Births**—3.7% of all births during the year were illegitimate, compared with 5.3% in 1958 and 2.3% in 1957. 5.1% of all births in England and Wales were illegitimate during 1959.

Districts	No. of Illegitimate Births		
	1957	1958	1959
Ellesmere Urban	0	2	2
Wem Urban	1	2	1
Whitchurch Urban	3	9	1
Ellesmere Rural	4	7	2
Wem Rural	4	6	13
Total	12	26	19

DEATHS

(a) **All Causes**

The number of deaths registered in the combined districts during the year was 377, which showed little change from the total for 1958, which was 384. By applying the area comparability factor, the corrected death rates can be compared with the crude death rate for England and Wales which was 11.6.

Districts	No. of Deaths			Death Rate per 1,000 Pop.	Corrected Death Rate
	Male	Female	Total		
Ellesmere Urban	11	22	33	14.6	12.1
Wem Urban	20	19	39	15.3	13.5
Whitchurch Urban	59	57	116	16.5	11.7
Ellesmere Rural	38	40	78	9.3	12.0
Wem Rural	67	44	111	8.9	9.5
Total	195	182	377	11.5	—

Over one third of all deaths were attributable to Diseases of the Heart and Arteries. Cancer, as a cause of death, accounted for 60, and vascular lesions of the nervous system 60 also. Deaths from lung cancer in the combined districts amounted to 8, the same figure as for 1958. A particularly distressing figure is that of 10 for suicide, as compared with nil in 1957 and 4 in 1958. One of these suicides was a medical practitioner. The deaths from motor vehicle accidents have increased—4 in 1958, 7 in 1959,

(b) **Infant Mortality**

There were 6 deaths notified in the first year of life, this being considerably lower than the total of 11 for the previous year.

The Infantile Mortality Rate for the combined districts was 12.1 per 1,000 live births. The Infantile Mortality Rate for England and Wales was 22.0 per 1,000 live births and was the lowest ever recorded in this country. It was 0.5 per 1,000 below that for 1958, the previous lowest.

(c) **Maternal Mortality**

No deaths attributable to childbirth, pregnancy or abortion have been recorded during the year.

CAUSES OF DEATH

CAUSE	Ellesmere U.D.	Wem U.D.	Whitchurch U.D.	Ellesmere R.D.	Wem R.D.
Tuberculosis, respiratory	—	—	—	—	—
Other forms of Tuberculosis	1	—	—	—	—
Syphilitic disease	—	—	—	—	—
Diphtheria	—	—	—	—	—
Whooping Cough	—	—	—	—	—
Meningococcal infections	—	—	—	—	—
Acute Poliomyelitis	—	—	—	—	—
Measles	—	—	—	—	—
Other infective and parasitic diseases ..	—	—	—	—	1
Malignant neoplasm, stomach	—	—	3	—	3
Malignant neoplasm, lung, bronchus ..	1	2	2	2	1
Malignant neoplasm, breast	1	—	3	—	1
Malignant neoplasm, uterus	2	1	—	1	—
Other malignant and lymphatic neoplasms	2	5	14	11	5
Leukaemia, aleukaemia	—	—	—	—	—
Diabetes	—	—	—	—	1
Vascular lesions of nervous system ..	8	5	17	15	15
Coronary disease, angina	4	3	17	13	25
Hypertension with heart disease	1	—	2	—	2
Other heart disease	5	8	17	10	16
Other circulatory disease	2	2	3	4	6
Influenza	—	—	2	2	—
Pneumonia	1	2	2	1	4
Bronchitis	1	1	1	2	6
Other diseases of the Respiratory system	—	2	—	2	—
Ulcer of stomach and duodenum ..	—	—	1	—	—
Gastritis, Enteritis and Diarrhoea ..	—	—	2	—	—
Nephritis and Nephrosis	—	—	—	—	1
Hyperplasia of prostate	—	—	—	—	1
Pregnancy, childbirth, abortion	—	—	—	—	—
Congenital malformations	—	1	2	2	2
Other defined and ill-defined diseases ..	2	4	23	7	7
Motor vehicle accidents	—	1	1	1	4
All other accidents	—	1	3	2	4
Suicide	3	1	1	—	6
Homicide and operations of war	—	—	—	3	—
All causes	33	39	116	78	111

COMMUNICABLE DISEASES

Notifiable Disease	Ellesmere U.D.	Wem U.D.	Whitchurch U.D.	Ellesmere R.D.	Wem R.D.	Total
Whooping Cough	—	—	1	2	14	17
Measles	34	123	2	159	158	476
Pneumonia	—	4	1	6	9	20
Scarlet Fever	—	2	2	4	4	12
Dysentery	1	—	21	2	3	27
Food Poisoning	—	1	—	—	—	1
Poliomyelitis (Paralytic)	—	—	—	—	—	—
Poliomyelitis (non-paralytic)	—	—	—	—	—	—
Puerperal Pyrexia	—	—	—	—	—	—
Ophthalmia Neonatorum	—	—	—	—	—	—
Scarlatina	—	—	2	—	—	2
Meningococcal Infections	1	—	—	—	—	1
Respiratory Tuberculosis	—	—	2	—	1	3
Non-Respiratory Tuberculosis	—	—	—	—	2	2
Erysipelas	—	—	1	1	—	2

Scarlet Fever

There was a decreased incidence of notifications of this disease, but of those cases notified, acute nephritis developed, in five of them, and, in addition, one case was complicated by osteomyelitis. Also two cases of sore throats, which were very mild, and not notified, developed acute nephritis. The increased incidence of acute nephritis was noticed in other parts of the country, where it was found that a streptococcus of a particular type (Griffiths, Type XII) was the cause of the scarlet fever.

Tuberculosis

There were fewer notifications of this disease than in any previous year.

Dysentery

It is known that many more cases occurred than were actually notified. Whitchurch was the area mainly affected, the illness being a relatively mild one, of one or two days' duration.

For the first time, the veterinary officers of the Ministry of Agriculture, who are situated in Shrewsbury, informed the Medical Officer of Health of various types of dysentery occurring in animals which could be transmitted from them to man.

Non-Notifiable Infectious Diseases

Officials of the Ministries concerned with sickness unemployment benefit are obliged to inform the Medical Officer of Health if:—

- (a) claims for influenza exceed the previous yearly average by 20% in any one month.
- (b) claims for influenza are double those of a previous month.

Because of this last reason, the Medical Officer of Health was informed of an outbreak of influenza from this source in the Winter of 1959.

VACCINATION AND IMMUNISATION

Vaccination against Whooping Cough, Poliomyelitis and Tuberculosis, and Immunisation against Diphtheria and Tetanus were carried out by General Practitioners, and by Clinic doctors working in Local Health Authority Clinics and Schools in the area.

The County Medical Officer of Health has kindly supplied the numbers of each carried out in the various districts, including (for the first time) Poliomyelitis and Tuberculosis.

In the North West Combined Districts, the response for Poliomyelitis Vaccination continued to be a good one. Evening sessions for this purpose were held in January, February and March; and later, following the death of a famous footballer, in June and July, also in the Autumn.

Despite the campaign against Poliomyelitis, the numbers vaccinated and immunised for other diseases showed an over-all general increase. Figures given in brackets are those of the previous year, which are inserted for purposes of comparison.

PRIMARY VACCINATION AGAINST WHOOPING COUGH

Vaccinated by	Ellesmere Urban	Ellesmere Rural	Wem Urban	Wem Rural	Whitchurch
County Council Medical Officers	[20] 25	[20] 16	[4] 12	[20] 18	[3] 4
General Practitioners	[6] 2	[42] 57	[48] 50	[94] 111	[62] 58
TOTALS	[26] 27	[62] 73	[52] 62	[114] 129	[65] 62

PRIMARY IMMUNISATION AGAINST DIPHTHERIA

Immunised by	Ellesmere Urban	Ellesmere Rural	Wem Urban	Wem Rural	Whitchurch
County Council Medical Officers	[17] 29	[12] 17	[4] 21	[14] 13	[1] 4
General Practitioners	[4] 4	[88] 79	[47] 53	[92] 130	[66] 56
TOTALS	[21] 33	[100] 96	[51] 74	[106] 143	[67] 60

RE-IMMUNISATION AGAINST DIPHTHERIA

Immunised by	Ellesmere Urban	Ellesmere Rural	Wem Urban	Wem Rural	Whitchurch
County Council Medical Officers	[45] 24	[36] 74	[6] 40	[15] 89	[1] 23
General Practitioners	[1] 1	[29] 18	[43] 41	[53] 43	[21] 15
TOTALS	[46] 25	[65] 92	[49] 81	[68] 132	[22] 38

VACCINATION AGAINST POLIOMYELITIS
Personnel who received two injections

Vaccinated by	Ellesmere Urban	Ellesmere Rural	Wem Urban	Wem Rural	Whitchurch
County Council Medical Officers	224	464	344	87	173
General Practitioners	216	375	516	194	345
TOTALS	440	839	860	281	518

VACCINATION AGAINST POLIOMYELITIS
Personnel who received three injections

Vaccinated by	Ellesmere Urban	Ellesmere Rural	Wem Urban	Wem Rural	Whitchurch
County Council Medical Officers	527	1020	322	147	606
General Practitioners	150	389	407	936	614
TOTALS	677	1409	729	1083	1220

PRIMARY AND RE-VACCINATION AGAINST SMALLPOX

Vaccinated by	Ellesmere Urban	Ellesmere Rural	Wem Urban	Wem Rural	Whitchurch
County Council Medical Officers	[23] 26	[14] 23	[6] 2	[10] 14	[6] 1
General Practitioners	[12] 34	[88] 90	[100] 58	[118] 148	[75] 80
TOTALS	[35] 60	[102] 113	[106] 60	[128] 162	[81] 81

IMMUNISATION AGAINST TETANUS

Immunised by	Ellesmere Urban	Ellesmere Rural	Wem Urban	Wem Rural	Whitchurch
County Council Medical Officers	[7] 6	[8] 35	[3] 0	[3] 0	[1] 0
General Practitioners	[0] 1	[21] 37	[47] 26	[55] 160	[20] 14
TOTALS	[7] 7	[29] 72	[50] 26	[58] 160	[21] 14

VACCINATION AGAINST TUBERCULOSIS—B.C.G.

From September, 1959, the Ministry indicated that personnel in the 14—18 year age group were now eligible for B.C.G. vaccination. The figures given include those dealt with in that age group, together with those of the 13 year olds. All the work was done by County Council Medical Officers.

Schools of the Undermentioned Areas	Number given Mantoux Test	Number of Positive Reactors to Mantoux Test	Number of Negative Reactors to Mantoux Test	Number of Persons who received B.C.G.
Ellesmere Urban and Ellesmere Rural	620	120	354	334
Wem Urban and Wem Rural	206	50	145	121
Whitchurch Urban	329	90	226	211

SPECIAL INVESTIGATION

Following the discovery of Tuberculosis in a teacher at Ellesmere County Primary School, special arrangements were made to Mantoux test the children and staff of the school. 295 persons received a Mantoux test, of whom 34 were found to be positive. All the positive reactors were X-rayed, and no sufferers from Tuberculosis were found.

CLINICS AND HOSPITALS IN THE DISTRICTS

TUBERCULOSIS.

The Chest Physician attends at—

Whitchurch, 27 St. Mary's Street, the first Friday in each month, from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Copthorne Hospital every Tuesday from 9.30 a.m. to 11.30 a.m. every Wednesday and Thursday afternoon from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

VENEREAL DISEASES.

Facilities for Treatment—Clinics.

Shrewsbury, 1, Belmont, Shrewsbury. Tuesdays and Fridays: Men—6 p.m. to 8 p.m. Mondays: Women—2 p.m. to 4 p.m.

HOSPITALS IN THE DISTRICTS.

Deermoss Hospital, Whitchurch.

Ellesmere Cottage Hospital.

Whitchurch Cottage Hospital.

Cases of Enteric Fevers, Meningitis, Acute Poliomyelitis or Acute Encephalitis are treated at Copthorne Hospital, while Monkmoor Hospital, Shrewsbury, admits other cases of Infectious Disease, such as Scarlet Fever, Diphtheria, Measles, Whooping Cough, etc.

Other hospitals which provide accommodation for the districts are:—

The Cross Houses Hospital, Shrewsbury.

The Royal Salop Infirmary.

The Eye, Ear and Throat Hospital, Shrewsbury.

The Robert Jones and Agnes Hunt Orthopaedic Hospital, Park Hall, Oswestry.

All these hospitals are administered by the Birmingham Regional Hospital Board which was constituted in accordance with the National Health Service Act.

LOCAL HEALTH AUTHORITY CLINICS.

Under the National Health Service Act of 1946, the Salop County Council, as the Local Health Authority, became responsible for the administration of the following services, amongst others, within the County:—

Care of Mothers and Young Children :

Ellesmere — Brownlow Road

Ante-Natal	}	Tuesdays — 1.30 p.m. — 4.30 p.m.
Child Welfare		First Tuesday in the month
and		9.30 a.m.—12.30 p.m.
Immunisation		

Medical Officer in attendance first Tuesday in the month for both morning and afternoon sessions, on the third Tuesday afternoon in the month, and on the fifth afternoon in the month when there is a fifth Tuesday.

Shawbury — Parish Hall

Child Welfare and } Alternate Tuesdays — 2 p.m. — 4.30 p.m.
 Immunisation }
 Medical Officer in attendance at each session

Wem — The Shrubbery

Child Welfare and } Thursdays — 1.30 p.m. — 4.30 p.m.
 Immunisation }

Medical Officer in attendance on the second and fourth Thursdays of the month.

Whitchurch — No. 27, St. Mary's Street

Ante-Natal } Tuesdays — 1.30 p.m. — 4.30 p.m.
 Midwife and Health Visitor in attendance.

Child Welfare and } Thursdays — 1.30 p.m. — 4.30 p.m.
 Immunisation }

Medical Officer in attendance on the first and third Thursdays of the month.

AMBULANCE SERVICE

The Salop County Council as the Local Health Authority under the National Health Service Act, makes provisions for securing that ambulances and other means of transport are available for the conveyance of persons suffering from illness or mental defectiveness and expectant or nursing mothers, from places in its area to places in or outside its area. An ambulance depot is maintained at Whitchurch.

LABORATORY FACILITIES

These are available at the Public Health Laboratory, Royal Salop Infirmary, Shrewsbury. The Bacteriologist is Dr. A. C. Jones, and the Pathologist, Dr. G. Grant. This service, originally instituted as an emergency basis, is now a permanent unit at the Royal Salop Infirmary undertaking work for Local Authorities free of charge in so far as it is relevant to diagnosis. This service is invaluable particularly in the bacteriological examination of food samples in cases of suspected food poisoning.

CHEST CLINICS, ETC.

Chest clinics, speech therapy clinics, and psychiatric out-patients clinics are held regularly at the Whitchurch Clinic. Patients are seen at these sessions by appointment, and are referred by the general practitioner, the hospital consultant or the school medical officer, as the case may be.

DENTAL SESSIONS

Dental sessions are held regularly at each of the three Local Authority clinics. Patients are seen by appointment with the dental officer.

WELFARE FOODS

Each of the Local Authority clinics is open at set times for the sale of these foods. Mothers attending the clinics are informed of these times and of any local variations there may be.

NATIONAL ASSISTANCE ACT, 1948

SECTION 47

The Medical Officer of Health is pleased to report that there was no need to represent compulsory removal for any of the cases investigated during the year. However, one elderly person was persuaded by the Medical Officer to accept appropriate hospital accommodation.

DOMICILIARY HEALTH SERVICES

During 1959, there were six Home Helps employed in Whitchurch, one in Wem and one in Ellesmere. When necessary, these ladies are relieved by Home Helps from Oswestry and Shrewsbury.

DISABLED PERSONS EMPLOYMENT ACT, 1944

Two cases, disabled males, were referred for investigation by their general practitioners, but rehabilitation training was not possible in either case.

OCCUPATION CENTRE

The good work commenced at this centre in 1958 continued unabated during 1959. One of the children attending, a spastic, was accepted by the Rudolf Steiner Schools. Mrs. M. M. Weavings was in charge of the centre during the whole of 1959, immediately prior to her appointment as Assistant Supervisor to the Occupation Centre, Sutton Lodge, Shrewsbury. Sessions are held every Tuesday morning and afternoon at the Whitchurch centre.

PRE-EMPLOYMENT MEDICAL EXAMINATIONS

During 1959, the Medical Officer made several dozen such examinations on behalf of the various District Councils. Apart from relatively trivial eye defects, e.g. refractive errors, one case of essential hypertension, one case of physiological glycosuria, and one case of inguinal hernia were discovered, for the first time, at these examinations.

INFANT MORTALITY

DISTRICT	Under 1 day		1-7 days		7 days to 1 month		1-3 months		3-6 months		6-9 months		9-12 months		Total		Combined Total	Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 live Births
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.		
ELLESMERE	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	22.7
U.D.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	1	1	28.5
WEM U.D.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	9.2
WHITCHURCH	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	16.0
U.D.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	2	3	18.9
ALL URBAN DISTRICTS	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	-	2	2	4.9
ELLESMERE	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	9.7
R.D.	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	3	
WEM R.D.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	
ALL RURAL DISTRICTS	-	1	-	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	3	

NEO-NATAL MORTALITY

Districts				Deaths of infants under 1 month	Total infant deaths	Neo-Natal Mortality Rate per 1,000 live births
ELLESMERE U.D.	..	..	..	1	1	22.7
WEM U.D.	..	..	..	0	1	0
WHITCHURCH U.D.	..	..	..	1	1	9.2
ALL URBAN DISTRICTS	..	..	..	2	3	10.7
ELLESMERE R.D.	..	..	..	1	2	9.4
WEM R.D.	..	..	..	1	1	4.9
ALL RURAL DISTRICTS	..	..	..	2	3	6.5

CANCER

Districts				Deaths		Total	Rate per 1,000 Population
				M	F		
ELLESMERE U.D.	..	..	..	2	4	6	2.65
WEM U.D.	..	..	..	5	3	8	3.14
WHITCHURCH U.D.	..	..	..	12	10	22	3.13
ALL URBAN DISTRICTS	..	..	..	19	17	36	3.04
ELLESMERE R.D.	..	..	..	7	7	14	1.68
WEM R.D.	..	..	..	6	4	10	0.80
ALL RURAL DISTRICTS	..	..	..	13	11	24	1.15

TUBERCULOSIS
ELLESMERE URBAN DISTRICT
NOTIFICATIONS DURING 1959

			Respiratory		Non-Respiratory		Total	
			M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
Civilian Cases	..	..	—	—	—	—	—	—
Service Cases	..	..	—	—	—	—	—	—
Transfers	..	..	1	1	—	—	1	1
TOTALS	..	..	1	1	—	—	1	1
Cured	..	..	—	1	1	—	1	1
Left District	..	..	—	1	—	—	—	1
Deaths	..	..	—	—	—	—	—	—

Number of cases on Register at end of 1959:

	Respiratory		Non-Respiratory		Total	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
	5	7	2	1	7	8

Number of Primary Notifications in 1959—NIL.

WEM URBAN DISTRICT
NOTIFICATIONS DURING 1959

			Respiratory		Non-Respiratory		Total	
			M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
Civilian Cases	..	..	—	—	—	—	—	—
Service Cases	..	..	—	—	—	—	—	—
Transfers	..	..	—	1	—	—	—	1
TOTALS	..	..	—	1	—	—	—	1
Cured	..	..	1	—	1	—	2	—
Left District	..	..	1	1	—	—	1	1
Deaths	..	..	1	—	—	—	1	—

Number of cases on Register at end of 1959:

	Respiratory		Non-Respiratory		Total	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
	4	4	2	2	6	6

Number of Primary Notifications in 1959—NIL

WHITCHURCH URBAN DISTRICT
NOTIFICATIONS DURING 1959

			Respiratory		Non-Respiratory		Total	
			M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
Civilian Cases	..	..	—	2	—	—	—	2
Service Cases	..	..	—	—	—	—	—	—
Transfers	..	..	3	1	1	—	4	1
TOTALS	..	..	3	3	1	—	4	3
Cured	..	..	2	—	—	—	2	—
Left District	..	..	2	—	—	—	2	—
Deaths	..	..	1	—	—	—	1	—

Number of cases on Register at end of 1959:

	Respiratory.		Non-Respiratory.		Total	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
	20	19	10	5	30	24

Number of Primary Notifications in 1959—TWO.

ELLESMERE RURAL DISTRICT
NOTIFICATIONS DURING 1959

			Respiratory		Non-Respiratory		Total	
			M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
Civilian Cases	..	..	-	-	-	-	-	-
Service Cases	..	..	-	-	-	-	-	-
Transfers	..	..	2	1	-	-	2	1
TOTALS	..	..	2	1	-	-	2	1
Cured	..	..	-	-	1	-	1	-
Left District	..	..	4	5	-	-	4	5
Deaths	..	..	-	-	-	-	-	-

Number of cases on Register at end of 1959:

Respiratory		Non-Respiratory		Total	
M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
9	9	5	5	14	14

Number of Primary Notifications in 1959—NIL.

WEM RURAL DISTRICT
NOTIFICATIONS DURING 1959

			Respiratory		Non-Respiratory		Total	
			M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
Civilian Cases	..	..	-	1	1	1	1	2
Service Cases	..	..	-	-	-	-	-	-
Transfers	..	..	4	4	1	-	5	4
TOTALS	..	..	4	5	2	1	6	6
Cured	..	..	1	1	1	-	2	1
Left District	..	..	-	3	-	-	-	3
Deaths	..	..	-	-	-	-	-	-

Number of cases on Register at end of 1959:

Respiratory		Non-Respiratory		Total	
M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
27	23	11	5	38	28

Number of Primary Notifications in 1959—THREE.

TUBERCULOSIS
TABLE SHOWING NOTIFICATIONS FOR THE COMBINED DISTRICTS
FOR THE YEAR

	Respiratory		Total	Non-respiratory		Total	Total of all Notifications
	M.	F.		M.	F.		
Ellesmere U.D. ..	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Wem U.D. ..	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Whitchurch U.D. ..	-	2	2	-	-	-	2
ALL URBAN DISTRICTS ..	-	2	2	-	-	-	2
Ellesmere R.D. ..	-	-	-	-	-	-	-
Wem R.D. ..	-	1	1	1	1	2	3
ALL RURAL DISTRICTS ..	-	1	1	1	1	2	3

ELLESMERE URBAN DISTRICT

PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR'S REPORT, 1959

Water Supply

The water supply for the whole of the Urban Council area is obtained in bulk from the Liverpool Corporation's Lake Vyrnwy Aqueduct, and is taken off at their Trench Road Waterworks Depot. The main supply is an 8ins. cast iron main, starting at the waterworks depot and terminating in the town centre. The distributing mains are of 4ins. and 3ins. diameter cast iron which service the whole of the district, and in many instances continue beyond the Urban boundaries to service several parts of the abutting Rural Council district. Where isolated properties exist away from the mains system, galvanised services are in use to supply these properties.

During the year the quality, quantity and pressure of water supply has remained constant and satisfactory.

Consumers within the Urban Area of a domestic nature are supplied direct on a rateable value basis. Trade supplies and farm supplies are on a meter basis. The major number of meters are Council property, some few being the property of the consumer.

During the year there has not been any major breakdown in the system. Two extensions have been carried out, one being a 164 yard extension of the 3ins. cast iron main in Sandy Lane, the other being a 267 yard 1in. galvanised extension to supply the new convent. Other proposed extensions are from the present termination of the Oswestry Road housing estate 4ins. main to the Urban District Boundary, and also the Catty's Lane—Oswestry Road housing site in 3ins. and 4ins. cast iron pipe.

Table of Water Consumption

The following table gives the total quantity of Water supplied through the Council's mains meter at the Valve House, during the year under review, and its distribution:—

Total registered on Mains Meter	46,879,000 galls.
Urban Meter consumers	11,323,000 "
Urban Non-meter consumers	26,807,000 "
Ellesmere Rural meters	8,749,000 "
Number of houses in the district	743
Number of houses supplied direct from mains	742
Number of houses supplied by standpipe	1
Estimated population supplied by standpipe	3
Estimated total population	2,500
Number of houses supplied by private systems	0
Population supplied by private systems	0
Water Undertaking Authority — Ellesmere Urban Council.	

Private Water undertakings	0
Water supply unsatisfactory in quantity	0
Water supply unsatisfactory in quality	0
Water supply unsatisfactory in pressures	0
Number of bacteriological examinations	0
Number of samples for chemical analysis	0

All water being taken direct from the Liverpool mains and supplied direct to the consumers, there are no storage tanks or reservoirs within the Urban Council system, neither is the water subjected to any form of treatment. As will be seen from the water consumption table above, considerable use is made of the Urban Council mains by the Rural District Council for water supplies to parts of the Rural area which adjoin the Urban area.

As before referred to several extensions have been decided on by the Urban Council, the pipes etc. for these extensions being already in hand.

Sewage and Sewage Disposal

The greater part of the town area is sewered to discharge to the Wharf Road sewage disposal works, where the crude sewage is screened, and after passing through the detritus tanks is received into compressed air operated ejectors and delivered to the purification works situate at a much higher level where it is received into the sedimentation tanks after which it passes through the percolating filters and humus tanks to stream. Sludge from the receiving and screening depot is lifted similarly to sludge drying beds at the disposal works, sludge from the sedimentation tanks and humus tanks being discharged by gravity to the sludge drying beds. Drainage from the sludge drying beds is received into a pump well and delivered to the sedimentation tanks as the screened sewage.

The Elson area of the town is sewered on the combined system to discharge to the Newnes Brook works, a gravity flow plant.

Part of the post war housing schemes are sewered on a separate system and is treated at the Oswestry Road works.

Soil sewage from the Mereside is pumped to the main sewer in Church Street and is delivered to the Wharf Meadow Works, for treatment and final disposal, also the soil sewage from the Mereside farm, farm cottage and New Convent is received into the new Mereside No. 2 sewage pumping station and dealt with as for the Mereside No. 1 pumping station as before referred to.

Public Lavatories

The public lavatories in the Town Area are situate in Cross Street, Market Hall, Scotland Street, and Brownlow Yard, Scotland Street. The Cross Street lavatories service the Town well, but continue to be subject to a great deal of damage, improper use and abuse by irresponsible persons. The general standard of the Market Hall, Scotland Street lavatories is low, also the Brownlow Yard lavatories, a decision to discontinue the use and

occupation of the latter has been agreed on. The public lavatories at the Mereside have reverted to the control of the Urban Council but here again thieves have torn away and stolen one coin slot lock which has had to be renewed and a second coin slot lock was found to have been torn off and found lying on the ground outside the building. New public lavatories for both sexes have been provided by the Mere Joint Committee in the Cremorne Grounds. Children's public lavatories for both sexes also exist in the Cremorne children's playground.

Disinfections

No disinfections were carried out during the year so far as any contagious or infectious disease was concerned, but the usual disinfections of the mortuary after use were done.

The methods in use when called for are spraying with liquid formaldehyde followed by gaseous formaldehyde and 24 hours sealing when and where possible, otherwise not less than 8 hours exposure.

Housing

Number of new Council houses built	0
Number of new Private houses built	5
Number of Improvement Grant	
Applications received	5
Number of Improvement Grant	
Applications completed	3
Number of Improvement Grant	
Applications outstanding	1
Number of Improvement Grant	
Applications rejected	1
Number of houses reported unfit for human	
habitation	0
Number of unfit houses still inhabited	18
Number of unfit houses empty	1
Number of houses unfit but not used	
for human habitation	2
Number of unfit houses demolished	0
Number of unfit houses remaining to be	
demolished	19
Number of families remaining to be rehoused	17
Number of houses reported for minor defects	147
Number of houses minor defects remedied	146
Number of houses minor defects outstanding	1
Number of houses reported for being dirty	0
Number of houses reported for being verminous	0

Meat and Food Preparing Places

There are no slaughterhouses within the Urban Area, all meat and offals being delivered to the shops from central slaughtering and meat depots. The meat is delivered in covered metal, or metal lined vans capable of being well cleaned and sterilised, all offals in metal containers, and the personnel engaged in delivering the meat wear waterproof aprons, overalls and caps,

Many improvements continue to be made in the general conditions of the shops for the protection of foodstuffs exposed for sale.

Foodstuffs which have been examined and condemned as unfit for human food, and surrendered for destruction are as follows:—

Tinned Tongue, 30lbs.; Tinned Ham, 182lbs. 13ozs.

Bakehouses

Four small bakehouses were in use at the end of the year. Most of the bread sold in the Council's area is now purchased from large bakery firms, and is delivered to the shops in closed vans adapted for this kind of trade. During the year twelve visits have been paid to these premises and all have been found to be cleanly conducted with no cause for complaint.

Fried Fish and Chip Potatoe Shops

There are two fried fish and chip potatoe shops in the Urban Area. One complaint was received of greasy vapours being discharged too low and causing offence to surrounding dwellings. The owner's attention was directed to the nuisance which was at once abated. On the several visits paid to these shops they were found to be cleanly conducted with no cause for complaint. The litter complaints associated with these shops has improved.

Cafes, Restaurants and Hotels

Catering within the Urban Area is provided for by two hotels; seven cafes, restaurants and snack bars. No complaints have been received during the year calling for official investigation and all have been found to be well conducted.

Mortuary

The district mortuary is situate within the curtilage of the Police Station premises at The Limes, Willow Street, and is within the Urban Area. It is entirely under the control of the Urban Council. Urban residents have the use of this building free of charge when required, whilst a fixed charge for its use is made to adjoining Councils or persons who are not urban ratepayers or urban residents. Routine cleansing, and disinfection is regularly carried out, apart from such occasions as use has been made of the building, which was during the year on three occasions, one Urban and two Rural.

Dirty and/or Verminous Premises

No complaints of dirty or verminous premises or persons have been received during the year, neither have any such cases been met with during house inspections.

Pests Acts

The duties under these Acts are discharged by a part time operator, with any necessary extra assistance from time to time as may be necessary or under unusual difficult circumstances. Visits of inspection are made from time to time by Ministry Officers, who have expressed satisfaction with the operator's work, and there is complete and good co-operation between these

Officers and the members of the Surveyor's staff engaged on these duties. The treatments used comprise Arsenic, Zinc Phosphide, Cyanide and Warfarin. All poisons are kept in the Surveyor's Office under lock and key, and their use is very strictly limited to selected members of the Surveyor's staff who have been instructed in their proper use, dangers and safeguards.

Number of premises found to be infested with rats	13
Number of premises found to be infested with mice	1
Number of visits and re-visits	214
Number of visits to Council Sewage works	156
Number of visits to Council Refuse Tips	156
Number of soil sewage manholes baited	21
Number of soil sewage manholes visited	37
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Total	598
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FACTORIES ACTS, 1937 TO 1959

URBAN DISTRICT OF ELLESMERE IN THE COUNTY OF SHROPSHIRE

Prescribed particulars on the administration of the Factories Act, 1937

PART I OF THE ACT

1.—INSPECTIONS for purposes of provisions as to health (including inspections made by Public Health Inspectors)

Premises	Number on Register	Number of		
		Inspections	Written notices	Occupiers prosecuted
(i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	8	22	—	—
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	—	—	—	—
(iii) Other Premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers' premises) ..	—	—	—	—
TOTAL ..	8	22	—	—

2.—CASES IN WHICH DEFECTS WERE FOUND.

If defects are discovered at the premises on two, three or more separate occasions they should be reckoned as two, three or more "cases"

Particulars.	Number of cases in which defects were found				Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted
	Found	Remedied	Referred		
			To H.M. Inspector	By H.M. Inspector	
Want of cleanliness (S.1) ..	—	—	—	—	—
Overcrowding (S.2) ..	—	—	—	—	—
Unreasonable temperature (S.3) ..	—	—	—	—	—
Inadequate ventilation (S.4)	—	—	—	—	—
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6) ..	—	—	—	—	—
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7)					
(a) insufficient ..	1	—	—	1	—
(b) unsuitable or defective	—	—	—	—	—
(c) not separate for sexes	—	—	—	—	—
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to out-work) ..	—	—	—	—	—
TOTAL ..	1	—	—	1	—

WEM URBAN DISTRICT

PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR'S REPORT, 1959
SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE DISTRICT

Water Supply

Water for domestic and trade purposes is supplied by the Council's water works at Preston Brockhurst. The supply is good in quality and sufficient in quantity. Samples taken show no evidence of pollution and were reported as being "highly satisfactory". The water is not chlorinated.

The area of supply covers the whole of the Urban District, only one house not being supplied from the mains. In addition, parts of the Wem Rural District are supplied from the Urban District Council.

Consumption during the year was 48,637,100 gallons.

The number of dwellings supplied direct from water mains are	856
(a) direct to houses	843
(b) by means of standpipes	13
The number of population supplied by water mains (estimated)	2525
(a) direct to houses	2488
(b) by means of standpipes	37

Drainage and Sewerage

Number of houses connected to public sewers	820
Number of houses having their own private arrangements of sewage disposal	36
Number of privies or earth closets converted to water closets	3
Number of houses without a water closet	15

Work is being carried out on improvements and extensions of the Sewage Disposal Works.

Public Conveniences

There are four Public Conveniences in the district which are located in the Market Hall Yard and Recreation Ground. Washing facilities are provided at the Recreation Ground Conveniences and at the female conveniences in the Market Hall Yard.

Moveable Dwellings

Number of licences issued	3
Number of inspections	5

Food**1. Food Premises in Area**

Bakers	8
Butchers	7
Cafes and Restaurants	4
Dairies	1
Fried Fish Shops	1
Fish Mongers	1
Grocers	19
Sweet Shops	6

2. Food Premises registered under Section 16. Food and Drugs Act, 1955

Ice Cream Premises	14
Preserved Food Premises	7
Food Premises registered under the Milk and Dairies Regulations 1949-54	
Dairies	2

3. (a) Registered Food Premises

Number of inspections	27
Number of defects found	0
Number of defects remedied	0

(b) Other Food Premises**Grocers**

Number of premises	19
Number of inspections	43
Number where defects were found	0
Number where defects were remedied	0

Bakehouses

Number of premises	8
Number of inspections	18
Number where defects were found	1
Number where defects were remedied	0

Fried Fish Shops

Number of premises	1
Number of inspections	8

Cafes, Hotels, Canteens

Number of premises	7
Number of inspections	8
Number where defects were found	0
Number where defects were remedied	0

Hotels, Beerhouses and Cellars

Number of premises	14
Number where defects were found	1
Number where defects were remedied	1

Milk Retailers

Number as defined in Milk and Dairies Regulations	4
Retailers of Tuberculin Tested Milk	4
Retailers of Pasteurised Milk	2

4. Educational Activity NIL

5. Disposal of Condemned Food

Meat — dyed and removed for processing. Tinned goods — dyed and buried on the Council's tip.

6. No special examinations of food stocks were carried out during the year.

7. Ice Cream (Heat Treatment, etc.) Regulations 1947-53

The only ice-cream manufacturer uses a cold mix. All other retailers sell pre-packed ice-cream.
In all 15 inspections were made.

8. Food Hygiene Regulations 1955-56

Inspections have been carried out in order to bring all food premises up to the standard required. Deficiencies under the Regulations have not been included in this report as "defects found."

Slaughterhouses, Butchers and Meat Inspections

There were two licensed slaughterhouses and 5 licensed slaughtermen in the district at the end of the year. 150 visits were made to the two slaughterhouses and 8 butchers' shops in the district.

Carcases Inspected.			Cattle excl. Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep & Lambs	Pigs	Horses
Number killed .....	.....	.....	53	1	—	144	133	—
Number inspected .....	.....	.....	49	1	—	144	129	—
All diseases except Tuberculosis and Cysticerci.								
Whole carcases condemned .....	.....	.....	—	—	—	—	—	—
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned .....	.....	.....	7	1	—	—	—	—
Percentage of number inspected affected with disease other than tuberculosis or cysticerci .....	.....	.....	14.2	100	—	—	—	—
Tuberculosis only.								
Whole carcases condemned .....	.....	.....	—	—	—	—	—	—
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned .....	.....	.....	—	—	—	—	4	—
Percentage of the number inspected affected with tuberculosis .....	.....	.....	—	—	—	—	3.1	—
Cysticerci .....	.....	.....	—	—	—	—	—	—

42 lbs. of meat and 58 lbs. of offal were condemned.

Food Condemned during the Year (excluding meat condemned at slaughterhouses).

Canned Foods

- Fish 7¾ ozs.
- Fruit 10 lbs. 7 ozs.
- Meat 3 qrs. 22 lbs. 7½ ozs.
- Rice 15½ ozs.

Other Foods

Home killed Beef 4 cwt. 1 qr. 7 lbs.

Home killed Pork 2 qrs. 9 lbs.

Home killed Lamb 10 lbs.

Home killed Offal 1 lb. 7½ ozs.

Shops Act, 1950

22 inspections were made during the year and the conditions were found to be satisfactory.

Food Poisoning

One case of food poisoning was notified during the year, and as a result of investigations a second case was discovered in the same family. 25 visits were made in connection with the outbreak.

Common Lodging Houses

There are no premises of this nature in the district.

Refuse Collection and Disposal

Collection and disposal of refuse is carried out by direct labour. The refuse is tipped into a disused quarry at Grinshill, the property of the Wem Rural District Council.

Prevention of Damage by Pests Act, 1949

Inspections of premises under this Act were carried out as follows:—

Number of properties inspected	103
(a) Council properties	16
(b) Dwelling houses	41
(c) Agricultural premises	11
(d) Other premises (including business and industrial)	35
Number of properties found to be infested with rats (excluding Council property)	25
Number of notices served under Sec. 4 of the Act	0
Number of properties cleared of rats (excluding Council Property)	24
Number of properties where rodent control was in progress by occupiers at the end of the year	1

Rodent control at the Sewage Disposal Works is carried out by the Council's workmen.

Nuisances

35 visits were made with regard to nuisances which arose from blocked and defective drainage systems, smoking chimneys and the keeping of animals.

Verminous Premises

One house in the district was found to be verminous, and disinfestation was carried out.

Public Swimming Baths

There are no public swimming baths in the area.

NOTE.—Other than where specifically stated, the details in this report are confined to dwellings other than those owned by the Council.

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		Inspections	Written notices	Occupiers prosecuted
(i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	1	2	—	—
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	34	71	—	—
(iii) Other Premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers' premises) ..	2	2	—	—
TOTAL ..	37	75	—	—

2.—CASES IN WHICH DEFECTS WERE FOUND

If defects are discovered at the premises on two, three or more separate occasions they should be reckoned as two, three or more "cases"

Particulars	Number of cases in which defects were found				Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted
	Found	Remedied	To H.M. Inspector	By H.M. Inspector	
Want of cleanliness (S.1) ..	1	1	—	1	—
Overcrowding (S.2) ..	—	—	—	—	—
Unreasonable temperature (S.3) ..	—	—	—	—	—
Inadequate ventilation (S.4)	—	—	—	—	—
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6) ..	—	—	—	—	—
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7)					
(a) insufficient ..	—	—	—	—	—
(b) unsuitable or defective	—	—	—	—	—
(c) not separate for sexes	—	—	—	—	—
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to out-work) ..	—	—	—	—	—
TOTAL ..	1	1	—	1	—

WHITCHURCH URBAN DISTRICT

PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR'S REPORT, 1959 SUMMARY OF PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR'S VISITS AND OF NOTICES SERVED DURING 1959

NATURE of INSPECTION	No. of visits
General Sanitation :	
Water supply and sampling	7
Drainage	30
Common Lodging House	6
Tents, vans and sheds	8
Factories	20
Theatres and other places of entertainment	3
Refuse collection and disposal	76
Rats and mice	47
Pet Shops	2
Miscellaneous sanitary visits	50
Under Public Health Acts :	
Number of houses inspected	23
Number of revisits	31
Under Housing and Rent Acts :	
Number of houses inspected	81
Number of revisits	60
Under the Clean Air Act :	
Number of premises visited	3
Number of smoke observations made	12
Council Houses :	
Number of visits	420
Number of Council house applicants visited	80
Infectious Diseases :	
Enquiries	25
Visits	70
Disinfections	10
Meat and Food Inspection and Food Premises :	
Inspection of meat at slaughterhouse	325
Premises Inspected :--	
Butchers shops and stalls	18
Fishmongers and Poulterers	21
Grocers	87
Greengrocers and fruiterers	16
Ice Cream premises	27
Restaurants and dining rooms	21
Street vendors and hawkers' carts	—
Fried fish shops	4
Bakehouses	42
Weekly produce market	54

PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR'S NOTICES SERVED :

Under Public Health Act, 1936 :

Informal Notices served	7
Complied	4
Formal Notices served	—

Under Housing Act, 1957 :

Informal Notices served	—
Complied	—
Formal Notices served	—

Under Food and Drugs Act, 1955—Section 13 :

Informal Notices served	51
Complied	42

RAINFALL

The total rainfall for the year was 29.30 inches, as compared with 33.09 inches for 1958, as recorded at Pauls Moss, Whitchurch.

The average yearly rainfall over the past 51 years is 28.43 inches.

The wettest month was December with 5.49 inches and the driest was September with 0.32 inches. The maximum rainfall in 24 hours was 1.45 inches on 16th April.

TEMPERATURE

The average temperatures for the year in degrees fahrenheit, as recorded at Pauls Moss, Whitchurch, were as follows:—

	1957	1958	1959
January	39.8	36.1	31.8
February	38.8	38.0	39.8
March	48.7	36.8	45.5
April	46.6	43.0	49.5
May	50.1	53.1	55.8
June	58.8	58.0	60.1
July	61.5	59.4	62.0
August	59.7	59.3	62.4
September	54.0	56.9	57.4
October	49.9	48.7	53.6
November	42.1	41.1	42.1
December	37.5	37.1	40.6
Average temperature for year	49.0	47.3	50.1

The maximum temperature recorded was 87 deg. F., on 4th July and 20th August, and the minimum was 8 deg. F., on 15th January.

WATER SUPPLY

The total water consumed during the year was 122,563,000 gallons, or an average of 335,792 gallons per day. This is an increase of 32,292 gallons per day or 10.6% on the consumption for 1958,

The supply is treated with chlorine and an average residual of 0.10 p.p.m. is maintained in the town.

A water waste detection scheme is now in progress in order to reduce the water consumption.

Samples of tap water were taken regularly from various points in the town and all showed a very good, pure supply of water.

WATER SAMPLES (CHEMICAL)

One sample of water, direct from the Overton Scar Borehole No. 2, was submitted for chemical analysis and reported on as follows:—

	2.12.59
	In parts per Million
	of water
Total solid matter in solution	340.0
Nitrogen in Nitrates	3.13
Chlorine in Chlorides	28.0
Oxygen absorbed from Permanganate in 4 hours	
at 80 deg. F.	0.12
Free and Saline Ammonia	NIL
Albuminoid Ammonia	NIL
Lead, Copper, Zinc	NIL
Microscopical examination of the sediment	NIL
Temporary hardness	200.0
Permanent hardness	23.0
pH Value	7.4
Sulphates (as SO ₄)	19.2

WATER ACT, 1945 and LOCAL GOVERNMENT (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act, 1953 :

Seven Informal Notices were served under the Byelaws for preventing wastage of water. All these Notices were complied with.

SWIMMING BATH :

The only swimming bath in the Urban District is a tiled bath, size 48ft. x 24ft., which was erected in 1892.

The water for filling is taken from the town supply and treated by filtration and chlorination. The turnover period is 4½ hours.

A scheme is in preparation for the extension of the bath to 75ft. in length together with necessary alterations to the heating and filtration plant. It is hoped that these improvements will be commenced towards the end of 1960.

No bacteriological samples have been taken during the year.

The bath was open to the public from 27th April to 30th October, during which period there were 22,884 attendances; this is yet another record.

The following table shows the attendances at the bath during the last four years:—

	1956	1957	1958	1959
Total attendances from Schools	6,484	6,158	6,525	9,515
Boy Scouts and Girl Guides*	461	117	—	—
Slipper Baths	269	315	266	267
Other Attendances	11,263	12,577	13,583	13,102
Totals	18,477	19,167	20,374	22,884

*Boy Scouts only in 1957.

DRAINAGE AND SEWERAGE

The Council's new sewage works situated at the Rising Sun, Whitchurch, were completed by early September and are under the supervision of a newly appointed foreman.

A sample of effluent was taken for chemical analysis and the result proved most satisfactory. In order to ensure that the final effluent, which is discharged into a stream, is sufficiently purified, a regular monthly sample is being taken.

HOUSING

Council-Owned Houses :

Number of houses completed during the year	1
Number of flats completed during the year	8
Number of houses in course of erection at end of year	2

The Council now own 682 houses and flats. The number of complaints received and dealt with during the year totalled 1,048.

Privately-Owned Houses :

Number of houses completed during the year	17
Number of houses in course of erection at end of year	15

SLUM CLEARANCE

The five year housing programme, submitted to the Ministry of Housing and Local Government in 1955 has now nearly been completed, and a further programme is being prepared for submission to the Ministry.

During the year 13 houses have been dealt with as follows:—

Demolished	2
Closed	11

HOUSING ACT, 1949

HOUSING AND RENT ACT, 1954 AND RENT ACT, 1957

During the year five applications for improvement grants were approved by the Council, one applicant having since decided to re-apply for a standard grant. In addition, seven applications were received, but were later withdrawn or rejected by the Department as either being unsuitable properties or not fulfilling the basic requirements of the Act.

Four applications were received for Certificates of Disrepair under the provision of the 1957 Rent Act.

RODENT CONTROL

During the year there were two major infestations of rats at both the Tarporley Road tip (since closed) and Brownlow Street tip. Treatments were carried out with Warfarin, followed by gassing with Hydrogen Cyanide (Cymag.) This was due mainly to baits being disturbed by the public and stray animals. Since the eradication of vermin by gassing, which has proved most effective, there has been no further evidence of infestation. The refuse tips have been without any further public complaints.

Rodent control is carried out by a part-time operator and, in view of this, every effort is made to maintain an efficient service. A considerable part of the operator's duty is the investigation and control of vermin to business premises. There are 29 premises under contract with the Council, a charge being made.

There is close liaison between the Department and the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food Officers.

The following surveys and treatments were carried out during the year:—

	Surveys	Treatments
Dwelling Houses	16	6
Business Premises	32	31
Council Properties	23	20
Farms	4	33

DISINFESTATION

In several Council houses minor infestations of woodbeetle have been discovered; affected timber was treated with a proprietary preservative, and the treatment appears to have been a success.

A minor infestation of ants was reported in a Council house and another in the snack bar in the Smithfield; both these infestations were treated with a gammexane powder, which was also a success.

DISINFECTION

All books returned to the Public Library from households where there had been a case of infectious disease, were disinfected before being put back into circulation.

REFUSE COLLECTION AND DISPOSAL

Household and trade refuse is collected four days per week. A charge is made as following:—

Trade premises	allowed 1 free dustbin.
Trade premises with House	allowed 2 free dustbins.
Charge per bin	
(in addition to free bin(s))	£1 6s. 0d. p.a.

Controlled tipping of refuse onto the following tips has been carried out during the year:— Tarporley Road, Wrexham Road, and Brownlow Street. The refuse tips at Tarporley Road and Wrexham Road have since been closed.

Much supervision has been required for adequate control of the Brownlow Street tip because of its proximity to habitation. The tip has been free from rodents since the application of Hydrogen Cyanide gas by a trained operator. A Ministry Rodent Control Officer has visited several times and confirmed that the tip is free from vermin.

PUBLIC CONVENIENCES

A considerable number of repairs have been necessary to maintain the public conveniences in a satisfactory condition.

One complaint was received from the County Medical Officer of Health on behalf of bus tourists, and investigation proved that the conveniences in question had been cleansed regularly. This was reported to the Medical Officer of Health, Whitchurch.

SALVAGE

During the year $49\frac{1}{2}$ tons of waste paper, $8\frac{3}{4}$ cwts. of rags and $2\frac{1}{2}$ cwts. of iron and aluminium have been salvaged and sold.

COMMON LODGING HOUSE

Inspections were made, and a report submitted to the Council stating that the property was not suitable for the accommodation of lodgers in its existing structural condition. The inspection indicated that the standard of cleanliness was very unsatisfactory, the linen being changed very infrequently. Licensing was deferred until a report was submitted to the Council in January, 1960.

CLEAN AIR ACT, 1956

During the year several smoke observations have been made and there have been no smoke emissions giving cause to a nuisance. All smoke observations were based on the Ringelmann Chart as advocated under the Clean Air Act, 1956. One factory was inspected and it was noted that the boiler was operated efficiently.

SHOPS ACT, 1950

This Council is the Authority for the enforcement of these provisions of the Act relating to ventilation, temperature and sanitary accommodation. No cases are known where arrangements in these respects are unsatisfactory.

PLACES OF ENTERTAINMENT

Two buildings are used for public entertainment, both of which are maintained in a satisfactory condition.

PET ANIMALS ACT, 1951

Two persons in the district are licensed to keep pets, both these premises are satisfactory.

PETROLEUM (REGULATIONS) ACTS, 1928 and 1936

Thirty-two premises are licensed for the storage of petroleum spirit.

SMITHFIELD

The cattle market used on Mondays and Fridays is owned by the Council and used by two firms of Auctioneers on alternate weeks. The selling ring, pens, etc., are disinfected after each auction with an approved solution of disinfectant, and an adequate vehicle washing bay is available with taps and hoses.

SLAUGHTER OF ANIMALS ACTS, 1933 and 1954

During 1959 application was made for the renewal of eight licensed slaughtermen and one person applied for a licence.

SLAUGHTERHOUSE

The slaughterhouse situated in Liverpool Road is the only licensed slaughterhouse in the district and it has been decided by Whitchurch Urban District Council to purchase this slaughterhouse and operate it as a municipal abattoir. The Council have since acquired the abattoir.

It is the intention of the Council to carry out a scheme of modernisation to comply with the Slaughterhouse Regulations, 1959.

On 24th November a beast was suspected of being infected with Anthrax and this was confirmed by the Ministry of Agriculture, Fisheries and Food, Veterinary Division. No closing order or any restriction was imposed by the Divisional Veterinary Officer.

TRANSPORT AND CARRYING OF MEAT

Some of the butchers use their own vehicles for the collection of meat from the slaughterhouse, whilst the majority use a modern meat transport vehicle. All persons engaged in the carrying of the meat wear the necessary head and neck covering; thus the meat is protected from contamination and a satisfactory standard of cleanliness is maintained.

FOOD PREMISES

Considerable attention to food premises has been given to achieve the standards required by the Food and Drugs Act, 1955. It is noteworthy that the majority of food premises have responded to some considerable satisfaction.

Having regard to the age and structural condition of some properties, it has involved extensive repair work, which has been carried out efficiently.

Efforts have been made for some improvement in hygiene, and a survey was made with the assistance of several large Local Authorities to secure some measure of improvement in the wrapping of consignments of bacon.

Food hygiene still remains an important requirement to be more adequately dealt with, and it is the purpose of the department to perpetuate an encouraging start.

ICE CREAM

There are thirty nine premises registered under the provisions of Section 16 of the Food and Drugs Act, 1955 for the sale of ice cream, two of which were registered during the year.

INSPECTION OF MEAT

	Cattle excluding Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep and Lambs	Pigs	Horses	Goats
Number killed ..	991	272	298	6,650	3,323	—	—
Number inspected ..	991	272	298	6,650	3,323	—	—
ALL DISEASES EXCEPT TUBERCULOSIS AND CYSTICERCI:							
Whole carcasses condemned ..	—	2	19	17	21	—	—
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned ..	631	202	23	1,212	295	—	—
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than Tuberculosis and Cysticerci ..	63.7	75.0	7.1	18.5	9.75	—	—
TUBERCULOSIS ONLY:							
Whole carcasses condemned ..	3	1	—	—	9	—	—
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned ..	33	9	—	—	85	—	—
Percentage of the number inspected affected with Tuberculosis ..	3.61	3.68	—	—	2.92	—	—
CYSTICERCOSIS:							
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned ..	4	1	—	—	—	—	—
Carcases submitted to treatment by refrigeration ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Generalised and totally condemned ..	—	—	—	—	—	—	—

11,457 lbs. of meat and 17,307 lbs. of offal were condemned

FOOD INSPECTION

During the year, the following foodstuffs were voluntarily surrendered and condemned as unfit for human consumption:—

Ham	79 lbs.	Beans	2 tins.
Flour	40 lbs.	Soup	1 tin.
Tongue	5 tins.	Cherries	2 tins.
Corned beef	4 tins.	Pears	17 tins.
Peaches	10 tins.	Meat	1 tin.
Tomatoes	41 tins.	Fruit juice	4 tins.
Apricots	3 tins.	Pilchards	11 tins.
Stewed Steak	6 tins.	Milk	1 tin.
Veal	14 lbs.	Peas	13 tins.
Frozen Rabbits	44 lbs.	Grapefruit	1 tin.
Pineapples	4 tins.	Fruit Salad	1 tin.
Lemon Cheese	12 lbs.	Jam	1 tin.
Salmon	4 tins.		

PRODUCE MARKET

Towards the latter part of the year complete redecoration was undertaken by the Council in the covered part of the produce market. A satisfactory standard of hygiene has been maintained throughout the year and all open foodstuffs have been satisfactorily covered.

The only offences throughout the year were at foodstalls, and the offenders were warned that any future offence would be reported to the Public Health Committee for formal action.

MILK AND DAIRIES**Milk and Dairies Regulations, 1949-53 :**

Number of milk distributors	7
Number of dairies (other than dairy farms)	4

Milk (Special Designation) (Raw Milk) Regulations, 1949-53 :**“Tuberculin Tested” Milk Dealers’ Licences :**

Number of principal licences	6
Number of supplementary licences	NIL

Milk (Special Designation) (Pasteurised and Sterilised Milk) Regulations, 1949-53 :**“Sterilised” Milk Dealers’ Licences :**

Number of principal licences	NIL
Number of supplementary licences	2

“Pasteurised” Milk Dealers’ Licences :

Number of principal licences	NIL
Number of supplementary licences	2

EDUCATION ACT, 1944-54

Inspections have been made of all local schools and it has been found that two schools were below standard in certain respects of the above Acts.

Reference has been made to the appropriate department of the County Council.

FACTORIES ACTS, 1937 TO 1959

URBAN DISTRICT OF WHITCHURCH IN THE COUNTY OF SHROPSHIRE

Prescribed particulars on the administration of the Factories Act, 1937

PART I OF THE ACT

1.—INSPECTIONS for the purposes of provisions as to health (including inspections made by Public Health Inspectors)

Premises	Number on Register	Number of		
		Inspections	Written Notices	Occupiers prosecuted
(i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	7	19	1	—
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by Local Authority	58	47	7	—
(iii) Other Premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers' premises) ..	—	—	—	—
TOTAL ..	65	66	8	—

2.—CASES IN WHICH DEFECTS WERE FOUND

If defects are discovered at the premises on two, three or more separate occasions they should be reckoned as two, three or more “cases”

Particulars.	Number of cases in which defects were found				Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted
	Found	Remedied	Referred		
			To H.M. Inspector	By H.M. Inspector	
Want of cleanliness (S.1) ..	7	4	—	—	—
Overcrowding (S.2) ..	—	—	—	—	—
Unreasonable temperature (S.3) ..	1	1	—	—	—
Inadequate ventilation (S.4)	1	1	—	—	—
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6) ..	—	—	—	—	—
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7)					
(a) Insufficient ..	—	—	—	—	—
(b) Unsuitable or defective	1	1	—	—	—
(c) Not separate for sexes	1	1	—	—	—
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to outwork) ..	—	—	—	—	—
TOTAL ..	11	8	—	—	—

ELLESMERE RURAL DISTRICT

PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR'S REPORT, 1959

Water Supplies.

A large part of the District is supplied with mains water taken in bulk from Liverpool Corporation. Sleaf, Cockshutt and Great Ness are supplied with mains water from boreholes. Water schemes on Council housing sites have been extended for public use wherever possible. During the year the Comprehensive Water Supply Scheme has advanced considerably and work will shortly begin in the Myddle and Harmer Hill areas. At the same time an alternative means of supply to the Lee Bridges borehole has been found and details of this section are proceeding. It is now envisaged to supply Welshampton and District from the Urban Council's mains with Liverpool Corporation water.

Liverpool Corporation Supply :

Overall Consumption	28,851,000
No. of Domestic premises served	462
No. of Business premises served	164

Sampling.

No. of Samples taken during year	68
No. unsatisfactory	41
No. satisfactory	27

Unsatisfactory samples are followed up with advice regarding treatment etc., and further samples taken.

Housing.

No. of Houses inspected under Housing Acts	97
No. of Notices served	5
No. remedied by informal action	24
No. of houses demolished by agreement	0
No. of houses closed	21

Slum Clearance.

This work continues slowly and is mostly confined to individually unfit houses. A small clearance scheme is in hand at present at Cockshutt and the site is to be extended to allow for redevelopment work. The new housing site thus provided will be allocated for Slum Clearance, as will another proposed site at Dudleston Heath.

Improvement Grants.

Financial assistance both for purchasing and improving older properties is still provided by the Council. Up to 50% Grant is made in approved cases. The Standard Grant system is also in operation and is in fair demand.

Discretionary Grants.

No. of applications received	22
No. of applications approved	22
No. of works completed	17
No. of works in progress	19

Standard Grants.

No. of applications received	7
No. of applications approved	7
No. of works completed	1
No. of works in progress	6

Housing (Financial Provisions) Acts.

Grants under the above mentioned Acts are paid by this Council for the erection of Agricultural dwellings.

No. of applications received	3
No. of applications approved	3
No. of works completed	0
No. of works in progress	3

Drainage, Sewerage and Sewage Disposal.

Council Housing Sites and private disposal works are emptied and desludged periodically by a special vehicle on hire.

During the year it was resolved that a draft scheme be made for sewerage and treating sewage for the whole of the District, and this work is now in hand.

Refuse Collection.

The fortnightly collection of domestic refuse from all Parishes has been maintained with one large vehicle and two drivers/loaders. Demand on this service is increasing steadily.

No new Tips were brought into operation in the year. All existing tips continue satisfactorily and are treated regularly for rats and other pests by Council staff.

Rodent Control and Pests Acts.

This work is carried out by a full time operator and is confined to the control of rats and mice. Most of the work is done at business premises on an annual contract basis, and no charge is made for treating domestic premises.

No. of contracts signed	36
No. of premises inspected	110
No. found infested	96
No. of premises treated	88
No. treatments to Tips	51
No. domestic premises treated	21

Petroleum Spirit Licensing.

Regular inspections of all licensed premises are maintained. Several new licences have been granted during the year.

No. of licensed premises	58
No. of new licences	5
No. of visits to premises	131
No. of licences surrendered	1
No. of licences refused	0

Meat Inspection.

Meat inspection is carried out at the various Slaughterhouses in the District and this requires the full time services of one inspector. Full inspection cover is provided at all times. This year has shown a fall off in throughput of export meat, and due to the Tuberculosis Eradication Scheme the incidence of this disease has fallen to negligible proportions. Details of carcasses inspected and rejected are shown on following page.

Slaughterhouses and Knacker's Yard.

There are two small slaughterhouses and one large Abattoir in the District. There is only one knacker's yard and By-Products works, licensed.

During the year, four slaughterhouse licenses were allowed to lapse, and two endorsements allowing the slaughter of horses also lapsed. There are now no licensed premises for the slaughter of horses in this District.

MEAT INSPECTION
CARCASSES INSPECTED and REJECTED

	Cattle	Horses	Calves	Sheep	Pigs
Number killed	6,501	241	186	7,200	3,680
Number inspected	6,501	241	186	7,200	3,680
ALL DISEASES EXCEPT TUBERCULOSIS :					
Whole carcasses condemned	679	1	109	567	184
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	2,315	115	20	1,800	772
Percentage of the number inspected affected with disease other than Tuberculosis	35	48	11	25	21
TUBERCULOSIS ONLY :					
Whole carcasses condemned	74	—	2	—	6
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	1,389	—	—	—	257
Percentage of the number inspected affected with tuberculosis	21	—	—	—	7
CYSTICERCOSIS :					
Carcases of which some part or organ condemned	—	—	—	—	—
Carcases submitted to treatment by Refrigeration	—	—	—	—	—
Carcases totally condemned	—	—	—	—	—

Food Preparing Premises.

No. of food preparing premises	16
No. of inspections	73
No. still requiring alterations or improvements	4
No. work done	9
No. work proceeding	4
No. premises discontinued	1

Other Food Premises.

No. of premises	37
No. of inspections	124
No. still requiring alterations or improvements	18
No. work done	2
No. work proceeding	12
No. premises discontinued	1

Generally, standards of hygiene and the food premises themselves have improved considerably.

Condemned Food.

Small amounts of unfit food were voluntarily surrendered during the year. This was disposed of at the Council's Tips.

Ice Cream Premises.

No ice cream is manufactured in the District and all ice cream sold is pre-packed.

No. of retailers	20
No. of visits	75
No. of defects found	0

**MILK (SPECIAL DESIGNATIONS) REGULATIONS
MILK and DAIRIES (GENERAL) REGULATIONS, 1959**

No. of Milk distributors in District	5
No. of dairies (other than dairy farms)	1
No. of principal licences issued	1
No. of supplementary licences issued	8

Tents, Vans and Sheds.

The number of residential caravans continues to increase. There is one licensed commercial caravan site in the District and this site is non-residential.

Clean Air Act, 1956.

No serious smoke nuisances exist in this District due to its agricultural nature. Routine observations are taken on various small installations. During the year one large works had automatic stokers fitted to the boilers and these have been completely successful in eliminating smoke.

ELLESMERE RURAL DISTRICT
FACTORIES ACTS, 1937 TO 1959

RURAL DISTRICT OF ELLESMERE IN THE COUNTY OF SALOP
Prescribed particulars on the administration of the Factories Act, 1937

PART I OF THE ACT

1.—INSPECTIONS for purposes of provisions as to health (including inspections made by Public Health Inspectors)

Premises	Number on Register	Number of		
		Inspections	Written notices	Occupiers prosecuted
(i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	14	29	—	—
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	34	74	—	—
(iii) Other Premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers' premises) ..	—	—	—	—
TOTAL ..	48	103	—	—

2.—CASES IN WHICH DEFECTS WERE FOUND
If defects are discovered at the premises on two, three or more separate occasions they should be reckoned as two, three or more “cases”

Particulars	Number of cases in which defects were found				Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted
	Found	Remedied	Referred		
			To H.M. Inspector	By H.M. Inspector	
Want of cleanliness (S.1) ..	15	15	—	—	—
Overcrowding (S.2) ..	—	—	—	—	—
Unreasonable temperature (S.3) ..	—	—	—	—	—
Inadequate ventilation (S.4)	1	1	—	—	—
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6) ..	2	2	—	—	—
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7)					
(a) insufficient ..	6	4	—	—	—
(b) unsuitable or defective	2	2	—	—	—
(c) not separate for sexes			—	—	—
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to out-work) ..	2	2	—	—	—
TOTAL ..	28	26	—	—	—

WEM RURAL DISTRICT

PUBLIC HEALTH INSPECTOR'S REPORT, 1959 SANITARY CIRCUMSTANCES OF THE DISTRICT

Water Supply.

The following details are of the Council's piped water supplies in the district:—

Prees Waterworks.

1. Number of dwellings supplied from water mains	249
(a) direct to houses	210
(b) by means of standpipes	39
2. Number of population supplied by water mains (estimated)	679
(a) direct to houses	562
(b) by means of standpipes	117

Higher Heath Waterworks

1. Number of dwellings supplied from water mains	139
(a) permanent	85
(b) temporary	54
2. Number of population supplied by water mains (estimated)	360

Parts of the villages of Preston Brockhurst, Grinshill, Ash, Clive, Hadnall and Stanton are supplied by private undertakers, as follows:—

Acton Reynald Estate Supply, Preston Brockhurst and Grinshill

1. Number of dwellings supplied from water mains	129
(a) direct to houses	108
(b) by means of standpipes	21
2. Number of population supplied by water mains (estimated)	448

Duchy of Lancaster Supply, Ash

1. Number of dwellings supplied from water mains	43
2. Number of population supplied by water mains (estimated)	149

Meadowfield Farm Supply, Clive

1. Number of dwellings supplied from water mains	114
(a) direct to houses	104
(b) by means of standpipes	10
2. Number of population supplied by water mains (estimated)	396

Hardwick Estate, Hadnall

1.	Number of dwellings supplied from water mains	157
	(a) direct to houses	122
	(b) by means of standpipes	35
2.	Number of population supplied by water mains (estimated)	547

Harcourt Estate Supply, Stanton

1.	Number of dwellings supplied from water mains	63
	(a) direct to houses	60
	(b) by means of standpipes	3
2.	Number of population supplied by water mains (estimated)	220

Shawbury

There are 84 Council houses with a piped supply from the Air Ministry.

In addition, the hamlets of Aston, Barkers Green and Tilley and the Council houses at Bridleway Gate obtain water in bulk from the Wem Urban District Council as under.

1.	Number of dwellings supplied from water mains	93
	(a) direct to houses	
	1. permanent dwellings	70
	2. temporary dwellings	3
	(b) by means of standpipes	20
	(above are permanent dwellings)	
2.	Number of population supplied by water mains (estimated)	322
	(a) direct to houses	
	1. permanent dwellings	244
	2. temporary dwellings	7
	(b) by means of standpipes	
	1. permanent dwellings	71

Summary

1.	Total number of dwellings supplied from water mains	1071
2.	Total population supplied by water mains (estimated)	3531

The number of houses which have a piped supply from water mains constituted about 36% of the total number of houses in the district, the remaining houses obtaining their supplies from wells.

Much of this water is of doubtful quality and in a large proportion of cases it has to be carried some distance. Where the water is found to be of a doubtful quality, consumers are advised to boil it before drinking.

Results of samples taken during the year of piped water supplies to Villages.

		No. of coliform bacilli per 100 ml.	Faecal coli per 100 ml.
Meadowfield	25.2.59	3	0
Prees	16.3.59	0	0
Hardwick (Broughton)	8.6.59	35	Present
Meadowfield	10.6.59	1	0
Duchy of Lancaster	6.7.59	5	5
Higher Heath	13.7.59	0	0
Acton Reynald	5.10.59	14	0
Hardwick	5.10.59	2	2
Meadowfield	12.10.59	1	1
Meadowfield	12.10.59	2	0
Meadowfield	12.10.59	0	0
Acton Reynald	17.11.59	35	0
Acton Reynald	24.11.59	50	0
Harcourt	24.11.59	20	0
Acton Reynald	17.12.59	3	0

46 samples were taken from private supplies during the year.

Drainage and Sewerage

There are no public sewers in the district. Schemes are in preparation for the sewerage of Ash, Prees, Prees Heath, Clive and Grinshill.

Public Conveniences

There is no public convenience in the district.

Moveable Dwellings

Number of licences issued during the year	33
Number of inspections	51

Food**1. Food Premises in Area**

Bakers	1
Butchers	3
Cafes and Restaurants	18
Dairies	1
Fried Fish Shops	1
Fishmongers	1
Grocers	29

2. Food Premises registered under Sec. 16 Food and Drugs Act, 1955

Ice Cream Premises	30
Preserved Food Premises	1

Food Premises registered under the Milk and Dairies Regulations 1949-54

Dairies	1
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3. (a) Registered Food Premises

Number of inspections	41
Number of defects	0
Number of defects remedied	0

(b) Other Food Premises**Grocers**

Number of inspections	88
Number where defects were found	4
Number where defects were remedied	4

Bakehouses

Number of premises	1
Number of inspections	2

Cafes, Restaurants and Hotel kitchens

Number of premises	18
Number of inspections	20
Number where defects were found	2
Number where defects were remedied	1

Hotels, Beerhouses and Cellars

Number of premises inspected	18
Number where defects were found	2
Number where defects were remedied	1

Milk Retailers

Number as defined in the Milk and Dairies Regulations	7
Retailers of Tuberculin Tested Milk	7
Retailers of Pasteurised Milk	3
Retailers of Sterilised Milk	2

4. Educational Activity**NIL****5. Disposal of Condemned Food**

Meat — dyed and removed for processing. Tinned goods — dyed and buried on Council's tips.

6. No special examination of food stocks was carried out during the year.

7. Ice Cream (Heat Treatment etc.) Regulations 1947-53

All registered premises sell pre-packed ice cream only.

8. Food Hygiene Regulations 1955-56

Inspections have been made throughout the year in order to bring all food premises up to the required standard. Deficiencies under the Regulations have not been included in this report as "defects found."

Slaughterhouses, Butchers and Meat Inspection

There were 2 licensed slaughterhouses and three licensed slaughtermen in the district at the end of the year. 176 visits were made to the slaughterhouses and three butchers shops in the district; no defect was found.

Carcases Inspected

	Cattle ex Cows	Cows	Calves	Sheep Lambs	Pigs	Horses
Number killed	51	—	—	203	106	—
Number inspected	49	—	—	194	102	—
All diseases except tuberculosis and cysticerci						
Whole carcases condemned.....	—	—	—	—	—	—
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	4	—	—	1	2	—
Percentage of number in- spected affected with disease other than tuberculosis or cysticerci	8.1	—	—	0.5	1.9	—
Tuberculosis only						
Whole carcases condemned	—	—	—	—	—	—
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	1	—	—	—	—	—
Percentage of the number inspected affected with tuberculosis	2	—	—	—	—	—
Cysticercosis						
Carcases of which some part or organ was condemned	1	—	—	—	—	—
Carcases submitted to treat- ment by refrigeration	—	—	—	—	—	—
Generalised and totally con- demned	—	—	—	—	—	—

7lbs. of offal were condemned.

Food condemned during the year (excluding meat condemned at slaughterhouses) NIL.

Infectious Diseases

25 visits were made in connection with infectious diseases.

Food Poisoning

There were no cases of food poisoning during the year.

Nuisances

8 nuisances occurred in the district during the year, 5 of which were abated by informal action.

Verminous Premises

One property, found to be verminous, was satisfactorily disinfected.

Common Lodging Houses

There are no common lodging houses in the district.

Public Swimming Baths

There are two public swimming baths in the area, both are of the open-air type, in use during the summer months only. In each case the water is supplied from a bore. It is regularly chlorinated and changed at weekly intervals.

No bacteriological samples were taken during the year.

Refuse Collection

Refuse is collected by contract once each month from approximately 2,450 houses. The service has considerably extended during the year.

Prevention of Damage by Pests Act, 1949

The following is a summary of work carried out under this Act by all members of the staff:—

Annual Contracts	59
Single Treatments	25
Domestic premises (treated free of charge)	49
Number of properties inspected	1,507
(a) Premises belonging to the Local Authority	213
(b) Dwelling houses	461
(c) Agricultural premises	729
(d) Other premises, including business and industrial	104
Number of properties found to be infested with rats	437
Number of notices served under Section 4 of the Act	0
Number of premises cleared of rats	374
Number of properties where rodent control was in progress by the occupier at the end of the year	63

NOTE.—Other than where specifically stated the details in this report are confined to dwellings other than those owned by the Council.

FACTORIES ACTS, 1937 TO 1959

RURAL DISTRICT OF WEM IN THE COUNTY OF SHROPSHIRE

Prescribed particulars on the administration of the Factories Act, 1937

PART I OF THE ACT

1.—INSPECTIONS for purposes of provisions as to health (including inspections made by Public Health Inspectors)

Premises	Number on Register	Number of		
		Inspections	Written notices	Occupiers prosecuted
(i) Factories in which Sections 1, 2, 3, 4 and 6 are to be enforced by Local Authorities	2	1	—	—
(ii) Factories not included in (i) in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority	24	60	—	—
(iii) Other Premises in which Section 7 is enforced by the Local Authority (excluding out-workers' premises) ..	3	1	—	—
TOTAL ..	29	62	—	—

2.—CASES IN WHICH DEFECTS WERE FOUND

If defects are discovered at the premises on two, three or more separate occasions they should be reckoned as two, three or more "cases"

Particulars.	Number of cases in which defects were found				Number of cases in which prosecutions were instituted
	Found	Remedied	To H.M. Inspector	By H.M. Inspector	
Want of cleanliness (S.1) ..	2	2	—	1	—
Overcrowding (S.2) ..	—	—	—	—	—
Unreasonable temperature (S.3) ..	—	—	—	—	—
Inadequate ventilation (S.4)	—	—	—	—	—
Ineffective drainage of floors (S.6) ..	—	—	—	—	—
Sanitary Conveniences (S.7)					
(a) insufficient ..	—	—	—	—	—
(b) unsuitable or defective	—	—	—	—	—
(c) not separate for sexes	—	—	—	—	—
Other offences against the Act (not including offences relating to out-work) ..	—	—	—	—	—
TOTAL ..	2	2	—	1	—



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